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Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1991/81 of 26 July 1992, entitled "Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000)", the Economic and Social Council, recalling resolution 2 (IX) of 31 May 1989 of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, concerning the proclamation of the Decade and the preparation of a programme for the Decade, requested the Conference of African Ministers of Industry to submit to the General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, the programme for the Decade, together with the recommendations concerning the practical modalities of its implementation and monitoring and including modalities for the mobilization of funds needed to finance the programme at the national, subregional, regional and international levels. That programme was issued as a joint document of the tenth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry and the Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts of the Whole on Industrialization in Africa, under the symbol CAMI.10/6-ICE/1991/6, vols. I and II, but was not finalized in time for submission to the Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

2. Subsequently, the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) adopted resolution GC.4/Res.8 on 22 November 1991, in which it decided to adopt the programme for the Decade and to declare it to be a top priority programme of UNIDO, and recommended the adoption of the programme to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council at its regular session for 1992.

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3. At its forty-sixth session, in decision 46/458 of 20 December 1991, the General Assembly endorsed Council resolution 1991/81 and took note with appreciation of resolution GC 4/8 of the UNIDO General Conference.

4. The programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000) is submitted as an addendum to the present note. The addendum is circulated in Arabic, English and French only, the languages of submission of the document and the working languages of the Economic Commission for Africa, which is the executing agency for the programme.